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KSC supports Eighth U.S. Army

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Keeping a tradition of excellence, elements from on and off-peninsula units have completed RSO&I successfully again. U.S. Soldiers, ROK Soldiers, and Korean Augmentation to U.S. Army (KATUSA) have cooperated to cope with the danger at hand. However, they are not the only people who are ready to fight. There were a lot of Korean Service Corps members who supported the operation as well. With their behind-the-scenes support, we can be fully prepared to win every battle.

The KSC was formed July 26, 1950, by presidential decree to provide non-combatant labor force to United Nations Command and United States Forces, and was formally organized on July 14, 1951, as the KSC.

The KSC force consists of a 2,185-man battalion composed of 14 companies under 8th U.S. Army with its own internal chain of command. While the purpose of the force, augmenting the 8th U.S. Army to implement successful missions, is similar to that of KATUSAs, being a non-combatant labor force is a prominent difference.

Some of the many missions of the KSC are transporting ammunition and supplies, evacuating sick and wounded, constructing field fortifications, building and maintaining roads, operating supply points, and guarding USFK facilities. While these missions don't put the KSC into direct combat, their mission is very important due to the services they provide to Soldiers.

They also conduct lots of important jobs in peacetime.



Photo by Pvt. Lee, Jung-woo

Two KSC LNO - Yun, Song Hwan and Kim, Chong Sop are discussing to enhance the quality of service to successfully implement this RSO&I exercise

Their work varies from covering civilian contractor defaults to covering unforeseen emergencies. They drive shuttle buses, refuel governmental vehicles, augment non ALO-1 units and cover critical training support shortages. They also assist in national emergencies, like the Munsan floods in 1996 and recovery activity of the damage from

Typhoon, Maemi in Area IV. "During this RSO&I, KSC members have a chance to estimate their competence to implement tasks related with Combat Service Supports (CSS). Supply, maintenance, installation and food service can be the examples of CSS," Lt. Col. Emmett Harleston in charge of HQ USA KSC Battalion said. He emphasized the importance of KSC members, too. "The importance of KSC members might be underestimated due to the fact that they're non-combatants, but it's a total misunderstanding. They go anywhere that U.S. Soldiers go as another part of power to deter the enemy," said Harleston. "We're working with pride," said Yun, Song-Hwan, a CP Oscar KSC member. "That's because we fully understand the importance of my battalion. In the midst of U.S. Soldiers and ROK Soldiers, we try to maximize the force of these allies by doing our best in our jobs and bridging the gaps for the better understanding of each other."

With firm foundations and incessant supports, it can be strong and stable. That's why KSC members implement their missions with their best efforts right now and right here to be ready to fight tonight beside us.



2005 RSO&I, Sleepless in Daegu

Story by

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In the past few weeks he has probably laid more people to rest than the mafia. Sgt. 1st Class Galo A. Bueno, an operations sergeant for the Life Support Area here, is the man in charge of making sure everyone gets a bed to sleep in during the Reception, Staging, Onward Movement and Integration, and all other events requiring accommodations throughout the year.

‘It’s challenging, fulfilling and demanding but the good thing about it is, it’s not every day,’ Bueno said when describing his job.

Bueno, who has been in the Army for almost 18 years, has spent the past three of them in Korea finding beds for tired servicemembers. Throughout the

year, he helps accommodate visitors for change of command ceremonies, reunions, health and welfare events and sports teams.

‘Our first mission is to make sure that the buildings are serviceable and everything is working properly from the heating to the bunks, as well as transportation,’ said Bueno.

For this year’s RSO&I, Bueno had to find sleeping quarters for more than one thousand servicemembers.

When the barracks are full, the remaining servicemembers are assigned to tents for the duration of the exercise. ‘At the end, nobody wants to go into a tent, but because there are so

many people, that is what has to happen,’ said Bueno.

Bueno noted that this year has been more successful than past years as far as assigning personnel to barracks as opposed to tents.

‘This year we have only about fifty to sixty people in the tents. In the past, it’s always been between two to three hundred people, so the management of the billeting has gone much better this year,’



Photo by Pfc. Donald A. Barnes

Sgt. 1st Class Galo A. Bueno explains detailed instructions of CP Oscar.

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he said.

"The hardest part of RSO&I was the planning," said Bueno. "For the two weeks before the exercise started, the billeting office was working 12-hour days. Once all of the visiting servicemembers arrived, it was just smoothing out minor details."

Bueno, who has managed RSO&I here for the past three years, added that each year the billeting process for the exercise becomes more efficient.

"Every year it gets easier," he said, and plans on nothing but improvements on putting RSO&I to sleep in the future.

Chaplain's Corner

by Chaplain (Col.) Michael W. Malone

"No Royal Road to Success"

An ancient Greek king wanted to learn algebra but found it extremely difficult. He complained to his teacher about the problems he was having. His teacher replied: "King, there is no royal road to algebra." Many people attempt to find success by the royal road of fantasies. "If only I'd win the lottery. All my problems would be solved." "If only I'd have the right husband/wife the..." "If only, I had a better [job, house, car, etc.], I'd have it

made." Some people dream about instant success handed to them on a gold serving dish. The truth is that success in any endeavor requires hard and persistent effort. Success involves personal sacrifice. The writer of Proverbs (12:11) tells us, "He who tills his land will have plenty of bread, but he who pursues worthless things lacks sense." The best way to success is pursuing things that have eternal value, not by chasing fantasies. In the real world there is no royal road to success. We make our own success by trusting and Serving God, being positive about ourselves and persistently seeking that which lasts for eternity. May God reveal his will to you and may you tirelessly do his will.

Voice of Warriors:

What is the first thing you want to do when this exercise ends?



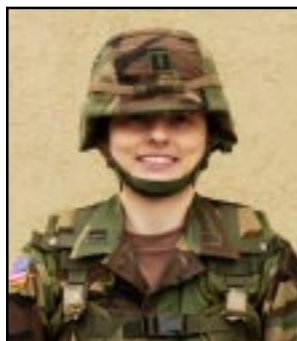
Master Sgt. Winfred Rorie
Senior Telecom Ops NCO
8th Army G-6

"Ensure that all of the personnel that came from the States are all taken care of and their redeployment back to home-station is a smooth transition"



Pfc. John Brachna
Admin Specialist
8th Army G-6

"I've worked for long hours and now, I am very tired. I'll have a beer and take a nap."



Capt. Maria Berger
Future Operations Officer
8th Army G-3

"To pack everything up, go home and go to sleep. It's been a great experience and it was great to work with our reserve counterparts"



Cpl. Jung, Ho-min
VTC Operator
8th Army G-3

"Most of all, I've been here for 3 weeks. I think I need to get some rest."



Revamping of CP Oscar

**Story by
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Anyone who visited Command Post Oscar, would be surprised to see great changes made since the last exercise, UFL 2004.

There were many changes to find here, such as Eighth Army Operation Center (EAOC), latrines, landscapes and buildings. The



Before, and after

revamping of CP Oscar was a huge step for a more accommodating environment for the Soldiers.

EAOC was a major project of the reconstruction. All the electronics in the room were upgraded. The old projectors and

video walls were eliminated. They were replaced with cutting-edge technology. Especially, computer system C4I, Command and Control, Communications, Computers and Intelligence, was completely upgraded. This system cost a fortune and is state-of-the-art equipment. It made this place the best command post in Korea.

Additionally, EAOC got new laptops and furniture, like chairs, which were doubled from about 35 seats to more than 70.

"There are incredible changes around here. We have a brand new public address system. Some people were not able to hear the Nuclear Biological Chemical alert and general information because the PA system was too old. Now it is much better to listen to," said Sgt. Maj. Charles Griffin, G-3 current ops sergeant major. "We also replaced the old (microphone) system with a new one. Everyone who came to last year's exercise will notice the difference and should feel better

while working."

Major changes were also done in buildings and latrines. The hallways are fixed, repainted and have new lights which make the place brighter. Many

Soldiers were complaining about the latrines. Now, the latrines have some outstanding renovations. They have new toilets and redesigned walls with blue tiles. These changes are accommodating to Soldiers.

"We are glad that everything turned out well. We renovated landscapes of CP Oscar to make a better appearance," said Lt. Col. Paul Legere, battalion commander. "We made it a better place to work, so people are happier to work and they will work harder."



Weather for Daegu, South Korea

MAR 24		MAR 25	
Hi	Low	Hi	Low
 41 F	27 F	 45 F	30 F
5 C	-3 C	07 C	-1 C